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4. [] LEGISLATION Called Ed Strait, OMB, who is coordinating the President's veto package on S. 1517, the Foreign Relations Authorization Act. He was not in, so George Gilbert returned my call. Gilbert asked why we had an interest in S. 1517. I said that Ray Chapman, of ERDA, had called me and suggested that we weigh in on the veto question. Gilbert said that he had not sent us the enrolled bill because it had not occurred to him that there was a problem for CIA in section 146. I discussed with him the same points raised with Les Janka, on the NSC staff, earlier in the day. He agreed that there was little question but that the bill applied solely to military weapons and weapons technology. He said, however, that it was conceivable that the impact statement under section (b)(2) be required to include finished intelligence. He said the main problem with the provision, however, was that it would "ball up" the whole military authorizations and appropriations process. I said that we might be sending in a letter to OMB stating our views on section 146.

5. [] ADMINISTRATIVE Mr. Thuermer advised that a representative from NBC had asked for a copy of the Director's letter to Chairman John McClellan (D., Ark.), Senate Appropriations Committee, of 18 November expressing concern over the release of the "assassination report." They said they had asked Senator McClellan's office and were told they could have it, but the Senator's office didn't have any copies.

I called Guy McConnell, on the Senate Appropriations Committee staff, who said he didn't believe this story and that we should not release the letter from the Agency. He said to refer NBC to Mr. Nathan Miller, Senator McClellan's press man. Mr. Thuermer was advised.

6. [] LIAISON Called Mary Tucker, in the office of Senator Jesse Helms (R., N. C.), and advised her that Personnel has taken another look at the application of [] but they could not find any suitable vacancy for him. I said we had better candidates than [] for the positions which were available. She thanked me and said she would write []

7. [] LIAISON Called Gary Jarmin, American Conservative Union, and told him that since General Daniel Graham, DIA, is seeing [] on Friday, I saw no real point in our seeing him also. I said General Graham would pass on to us anything of interest to the Agency. Jarmin said he understood and thanked me for my assistance.

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14. [] LIAISON Amber Schultze, in the office of Representative Paul McCloskey (R., Calif.), called and asked that the appointment for this Monday, 24 November, for a briefing and visit [] for the Congressman be cancelled and set up for tomorrow.

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15. [] LIAISON Richard Perle, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Senate Government Operations Committee staff, called concerning [] and I told him Mr. Cary had run into Senator Henry Jackson (D., Wash.) on the Hill and explained the situation to him. The Senator said he would let us know if he needs any further information. Perle was somewhat upset over this development, explaining that he did not have sufficient information on travel to the third country problem to assure Senator Jackson of the facts. I explained our interest in not subjecting individuals from our Deputy Directorate for Operations component to unnecessary exposure on the Hill, and he should not read more into the situation than that since he knew us well enough to know that we would not be running to his principal to outflank him.

Perle then asked if it would be possible for he and Dorothy Fosdick, of the Subcommittee staff, to have a briefing on our current assessment of the Middle East. I said I would check and be back in touch.

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16. [] LIAISON Representative Paul McCloskey (R., Calif.) called and apologized for not being able to keep the appointment on Monday because he would be traveling to Paris with the MIA Committee. I provided him with necessary information for receiving the briefing in Los Angeles tomorrow.

Mr. McCloskey's office called later and said he would be leaving tonight at 5:30 p.m. on United Flight #55 arriving in Los Angeles at 8:00 p.m. [] DDS&T/SPS, were advised.

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17. [] LEGISLATION Mike Hornblow, NSC staff, called and said he had been told to call me on the role of the ambassador legislation. He was not familiar with the material but had been assigned action for the NSC. I gave him a brief fill-in and said that [] and myself would be available on call to meet with the NSC staff on this matter. [] has been advised.

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